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SUMMARY. THIS MESSAGE REPORTS MILITARY MANPOWER SITUATION FOR NATO COUNTRIES, 1972-1974. STRENGTHS ARE BASED ON COUNTRY REPLIES TO DPQ(73). ESTIMATED 1974 STRENGTH FOR DPC EUROPEAN MEMBER COUNTRIES (NATO EUROPE LESS FRANCE), WHILE APPROXIMATELY 6,500 LOWER THAN 1973 STRENGTH, IS 10,000 HIGHER THAN 1972 STRENGTH. THE MOST SIGNIFICANT INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY CHANGES ARE ESTIMATED DROP BY 1974 (FROM 1972 LEVEL) IN DANISH MANPOWER OF CLOSE TO 8,000 AND UK OF CLOSE TO 18,000. PORTUGUESE MANPOWER IS ESTIMATED TO INCREASE OVER 30,000 ABOVE 1972 LEVEL BY 1974; INCREASE PROBABLY CAN BE ATTRIBUTED TO DEFENSE OF OVERSEAS TERRITORIES. IN CONTRAST WITH RECENT YEARS, GREEK AND TURKISH MANPOWER SITUATION HARDLY FLUCTUATES AT ALL. END SUMMARY.

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1. TOTAL MILITARY MANPOWER STRENGTHS FOLLOW:

	ACTUAL 1972	ESTIMATED 1973	ESTIMATED 1974
BELGIUM	107,048	107,703	106,622

DENMARK	42,025	38,170	34,350
FRG	457,034	461,000	461,000 (A)
GREECE	185,689	186,425	186,776
ITALY	540,664	547,890	538,521
LUXEMBOURG	1,120	1,140	1,150
NETHERLANDS	114,700	114,200	112,100
NORWAY	37,984	39,337	40,308
PORTUGAL	260,425	275,690	291,578
TURKEY	560,690	563,381	562,954
UK	380,590	369,640	362,640

TOTAL DPC EUROPE 2,687,989 2,704,576 2,697,999

(NATO EUROPE LESS

FRANCE)

ABOVE MANPOWER FIGURES ARE AVERAGE YEAR STRENGTHS USED FOR ECONOMIC PLANNING AND HAVE BEEN EXTRACTED FROM FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC SECTION OF COUNTRY REPLIES TO DPQ(73). FRG (A) DID NOT PROVIDE AN ESTIMATE FOR 1974; WE HAVE UTILIZED 1973 FIGURE. IN DPQ TERMS, 1972 REPRESENTS ACTUAL YEAR (LATEST, CORRECTED, UPDATED) FIGURES; 1973 AND 1974 ARE CONSIDERED ESTIMATED STRENGTHS.

2. INTERNATIONAL STAFF PROVIDED USNATO FOLLOWING STRENGTHS FOR FRANCE:

1972: 574,011

1973: 580,596

1974: 583,059

3. CANADA AND US REPORTED FOLLOWING STRENGTHS IN FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC SECTION OF REPLIES TO DPQ(73):

	1972	1973	1974
CANADA	81,992	82,451	83,225
US	2,511,628	2,333,200	2,277,059

4. WE UNDERSTAND STRENGTHS REPORTED IN PARA ABOVE FOR 1972 AND 1973 WILL APPEAR IN DECEMBER VERSION OF INTERNATIONAL STAFF MEMORANDUM (ISM) ON BASIC STATISTICAL DATA ON DEFENSE EFFORT
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AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPEMNT OF NATO COUNTRIES; ISM NEVER PROVIDES INFORMATION BEYOND CURRENT YEAR.

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